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Japanese Reference Nos. 2001-47261, 2002-346770, and 2003-149382 were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2003/014414. A copy of the International Search Report and English language abstracts of the references cited therein are enclosed. WO 97/13600 is an English equivalent of JP 2002-504186, which is cited on page 2 of the specification for the above-referenced application and is relevant for the reasons set forth therein. WO 95/26254 is the equivalent PCT application corresponding to JP 9-508073, which is cited on page 4 of the specification and is relevant for the reasons set forth therein. An English language abstract of WO 95/26254 is enclosed.

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	2	WO 97/13600	04-17-1997	Alyon Corporation	
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